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Application of: Robert J. Hariri

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application on the merits, and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the amendment made herein and consider the following remarks. Applicant submits concurrently herewith the following documents:

- (a) Appendix A, a marked up version of the specification showing the amendment made herein;
- (b) Exhibit 1, a copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal filed February 13, 2002; and
- (c) Exhibit 2, a copy of the executed Declaration of Robert J. Hariri filed February 13, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 3, please replace the paragraph beginning "This application is a continuation-in-part" with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of pending applications No. 10/004,942, filed December 5, 2001 which claims priority to United States provisional

application No. 60/251,900, filed December 6, 2000, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference. The present application also claims priority to United States provisional application No. 60/268,560, filed February 14, 2001, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error in the application no. of parent application 10/004,942. This amendment is fully supported by the information entered in Item No. 18 of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal (enclosed herewith as Exhibit 1) and by the executed Declaration of Robert J. Hariri (enclosed herewith as Exhibit 2), both filed concurrently with the above-identified application on February 13, 2002. No new matter is added by way of the amendment to the specification.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the foregoing amendment and remarks into the file history of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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